



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SCHWIETERS, et al.

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For: *DEVICE FOR COLLECTING IONS IN  
A MASS SPECTROMETER*

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004. Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) with proper fees, extending the period for response by one month. Enclosed is our check to cover the cost of this Amendment and the Petition for Extension of Time. While Applicant believes that no further fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due as a result of filing this amendment, including additional claims fees not already paid for, or other fees that have not been separately paid, to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No. A-72356/AJT (466984-22)).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.